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FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF, LATEX PAINT RECYCLING AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAYS IN 2014

The Maryland Environmental Service will be offering a household hazardous waste collection day and electronics and latex paint recycling day for Midshore residents on the following dates and locations in 2014:

- Saturday, April 5, 2014 at the Queen Anne's County Public Works Office, 312 Safety Drive in Centreville
- Saturday, November 8, 2014 at the Midshore I Facility, 7341 Barkers Landing Road in Easton (Talbot County)

The 2015 schedule is shown below

- Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the Nicholson Drop-Off Center, 23750 Larney Nick Road in Chestertown (Kent County)
- Saturday, November 7, 2015 in Caroline County (site to be announced)

All events are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. rain or shine. <u>The service is limited to Midshore residents (Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties).</u> There is no charge to Midshore residents for these services.

Acceptable household hazardous waste items include:

- Gas, gas/oil mixes and automotive fuels
- Acids, cleaners, and solvents
- Chemicals (pool, darkroom, etc.)
- Pesticides, insecticides and herbicides
- Oil based paint, paint thinner, stains, turpentine, wood preservatives and wood strippers
- Fluorescent tubes and lamps
- Mercury thermometers

Acceptable electronics will include:

- Computers and peripherals (keyboards, laptops, monitors, mice, printers, cables, modems, etc.)
- TVs, remotes, VCR, CD and DVD players
- CB radios, fax machines, answering machines and copiers

Usable latex paint will be accepted for recycling. <u>Do not bring unusable latex paint to the event</u>. Instead, solidify the paint with an absorbent such as kitty litter, dirt or mulch and dispose of the paint in regular trash.

Items **NOT** accepted at the events are:

- Household trash
- Explosives and ammunition
- Medical and radioactive wastes
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Asbestos
- Smoke detectors
- Business, industrial and commercial farm wastes
- Appliances
- Power tools
- Tires
- Household batteries
- Road/marine flares

For questions on the program, please contact the Maryland Environmental Service at 1-800-I-RECYCLE (1-800-473-2925).